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TO: Chief, FBIS
FROM: Chief, Saigon Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - July 1964

I. GENERAL

The month saw no dramatic change in the situation locally, although Viet Cong attacks close to Saigon and rumored disaffection between General Khanh and his close lieutenants were causing concern at the close of the month. The black-market piaster rate climbed to 125-140 piasters to the dollar, against the legal rate of 72.77. U.S. civilian employees are the principal sufferers, since the military are patronizing the black market with apparent impunity.

The Ambassador asked U.S. civilian agencies to remain open for regular business 44 hours a week commencing 1 August -- for four hours Saturday morning in addition to the regular workdays. Saturday has been a regular workday for us anyway, so our hours of operation need not change. However, the Embassy reports it is placing all its local employees on a 44-hour week, paying regular hourly pay, not overtime, for hours worked above 40. If other civilian agencies in Saigon follow suit, the Bureau may feel obligated to go along.

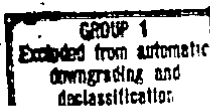
II. OPERATIONS

Heavy demands on Vietnamese-French monitorial time have recently been met in part by the employment on an hourly basis of [] a young monitor taken from us by the draft last year. On completion of an officers' training course, [] was assigned to teach English at the ARVN language school in Saigon. He now has free weekends plus a need for extra money, so the arrangement is working out well.

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A total of 150 hours of voice broadcasts weekly were being covered at the end of the month.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Housing

The half of the duplex vacated by the [] was completely renovated by the Embassy maintenance staff before an Embassy officer and his family moved in early in July. The old, rusted plumbing system was torn out, and new pipes, water pumps, heaters, and so forth were installed. A new, modern kitchen was added, and new lighting fixtures, including outdoor security lights, were installed. The same renovation procedures are planned for the other half of the duplex as soon as it is vacated and before the new Bureau Chief moves in.

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IV. VISITS

[] visited the Bureau on 6 July, on TDY en route from Tokyo to Washington.

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The Bureau Chief was called to the office of Deputy Ambassador Alexis Johnson, to explain our operation here. Ambassador Johnson plans to visit our offices when time permits.

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Chief, Saigon Bureau

Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Broadcast Coverage Report

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SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE, FOR 1 AUGUST 1964

Australia

English	Melbourne	is	0400-0410	daily	not Th	good	2
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Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	poor	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	4
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0000	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao		0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"		0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French		0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao		0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French		2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Liberation Broadcasting Station

Vietnamese		0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)		0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"		1130-1200	"	"	poor	2
"		2330-2345	"	not SS	poor	2
Cambodian		1030-1045	"	daily	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam

Vietnamese/Cambodian/French		0000-0100	irreg	irreg	poor	1
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Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand

Thai			0100-0130	irreg	irreg	fair	2
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Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French			2300-0000	irreg	irreg	poor	2
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Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0530-0615	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	poor	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" Th	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" Th	fair	2
"	Jesselton	ds	1130-1145	not Su	" ThFSu	poor	2

USSR

Cambodian	Moscow	is	1230-1300	TThSa	TThSa	fair	1
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Vietnam (North)

Vietnamese (D)	Hanoi VNA	n-s viet.	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"	s viet.	0400-0415	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0430-0500	"	"	fair	1
" (D)	" VNA	n-s viet.	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"	s viet.	1030-1100	"	daily	fair	2
"	"	ds	1100-1130	"	daily	good	1
"	"	s viet.	1200-1230	"	not Su	good	2
"	"	ds	2230-2300	"	not SS	fair	2
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" "	"	n-s viet.	1300-1330	MF	MF	fair	2
English	"	is	1000-1030	daily	MF	fair	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY twice-daily (Sunday, one) bulletins covered by scrutiny							
English	Saigon	is	2330-2345	daily	daily	good	2
Vietnamese	"	ds	0500-0515	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	0900-0905	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	2300-2305	"	"	good	1